

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7044

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Katie Alexander on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.3 million Tennessee volunteers give over 99 million hours of community service, contributing \$2.6 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Katie Alexander of Gibson County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, the creator of Hand Up: From Hungry to Healthy, Katie Alexander is a community-oriented individual who works assiduously to offer those suffering from food insecurity a hand up so that they may find physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of Hand Up, Ms. Alexander has been able to help provide food to those who are suffering from food insecurity through fundraising and collecting food for local and regional food banks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alexander was inspired to begin Hand Up while volunteering with ComeUnity Café and has since then spent countless hours volunteering with the organization and other nonprofits across West Tennessee, including RIFA; and

WHEREAS, she has assisted in organizing RIFA fundraising drives, which have resulted in over 15,000 pounds of food collected for the community. Ms. Alexander additionally partnered with the local school system to identify which school in the area needed the most help providing a food pantry, ran a fundraiser, and worked assiduously to keep the pantry full; and

WHEREAS, she also works to partner with Gibson County businesses to help her platform's fundraising projects; and

WHEREAS, Katie Alexander is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Katie Alexander for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.